

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 8, 9, ~~10a and 10b~~ 10 and 11 are respectively a plan view, side view, perspective view and sectional view (through line Y-Y of Figure 8) of a fork of the cutlery set assembly of Figure 1;

Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning on line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 16 is an end view ~~in the direction of the arrow B~~ of the knife of Figure 13 viewed from the front of the knife;

Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 21 is a perspective view showing how to disassembly the cutlery set assembly~~[[;]]~~.

Page 9, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 through page 10, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Figures 2 and 12 to 16, the knife 50 ~~[[also]]~~ comprises a hollow substantially cylindrical handle 52 having a central longitudinal axis 54. The knife 50 has a slit 56 running along the entire length of the handle 52 and parallel to the central axis 54. A rib 58 (shown by broken line in Figure 13) extends centrally along the length of the knife handle 52 on an inner curved surface thereof. The knife handle 52 tapers to a leading end 60 to expose a sharp knife edge 62 of ~~the rib 58~~ a blade 63. A trailing

end 64 of the knife handle 52 is slanted. The inclusion of the rib 58 within the handle gives greater strength and rigidity to the blade ~~[[62]]~~63.

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 through page 11, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

To complete the assembly of the cutlery set, the slits 16 and 36 of the spoon 10 and fork 30 receive the rib 58 of the knife 50 (see Figure 4). The diameter of the knife handle 52 is such as to allow the trailing ends 13, 33 of the nested spoon and fork handles ~~40, 30~~ 11, 30 to be slidably inserted into the leading end 60 of the knife handle ~~[[50]]~~52, although the knife handle will flex outwardly to accommodate the spoon/fork. The aligned slits 16 and 36 of the spoon and fork handles 11 and 31, and the knife rib 58 act like a rail to guide the sliding motion of the spoon and fork handles 11, 31 into the knife handle 52 so that the spoon handle 11 is sandwiched between the fork and knife handles 31, 52. The outer curved surface of the spoon handle 11 engages with the inner curved surface of the knife handle 52 and the resilient nature of the polypropylene holds the spoon and knife handles 11, 52 in firm engagement with each other when nested together.